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noun phrase construction

complex construction built up from the schematic atomic constructions **[def]** or **[indef]** (Definite or Indefinite Determiner Construction) and **[n]** (Noun Construction).

Nominalphrasekonstruktion

Komplexe Konstruktion bestehend aus den schematischen atomaren Konstruktionen [DEF] oder [INDEF] (definiter oder indefiniter Determinierer-Konstruktion) und [N] (Nomen-Konstruktion).

Examples of NP constructions include *the book*, *a song*, *the birds* and *some red roses*. These constructions are all specific (because they consist of concrete linguistic expressions, not of labels for syntactic categories and/or grammatical functions) and complex (because they are built up from smaller units). They are instantiations of the following schematic NP constructions: **[[def] [n]]** (fully schematic representation of an NP like *the book*), **[[indef] [n]]** (fully schematic representation of an NP like *a song*), **[[def] [n-s]]** (partially schematic representation of an NP like *the birds*), **[[def] [n-number]]** (fully schematic representation of an NP like *the birds*), **[[indef] [adj] [n-s]]** (partially schematic representation of an NP like *some red roses*), **[[indef] [adj] [n-number]]** (fully schematic representation of an NP like *some red roses*).

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